



In the claims

1. (cancelled)
2. (currently amended) A telescopic front suspension system according to Claim 4, 21 wherein the cross-sectional shape of the stanchion tubes and slider tubes is an ellipse.
3. (original) A telescopic front suspension system according to Claim 2, wherein the stanchion tubes and slider tubes are dimensioned for use on a bicycle, and the elliptical shape is dimensioned with its major axis in the range of 1.375 to 2.0 inches, and its minor axis in the range of 1.0 to 1.5 inches.
4. (original) A telescopic front suspension system according to Claim 2, wherein the stanchion tubes and slider tubes are dimensioned for use on a bicycle, and the elliptical shape is dimensioned with an aspect ratio between major and minor axes of about seventy (70) percent.
5. (original) A telescopic front suspension system according to Claim 2, wherein the stanchion tubes and slider tubes are dimensioned for use on a bicycle, and the stanchion tubes have a length in the range of 8 to 12.5 inches and provide approximately 3 inches of suspension travel.
6. (cancelled)
7. (currently amended) A telescopic front suspension system according to Claim 6, 21 wherein the external bushing has a first internal profile for mounting with an interference-fit on the upper end of the slider tube.

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